Standards and Assessment Vocabulary
English/Language Arts – Grades 6-8

The purpose of the *Standards and Assessment Vocabulary* is to highlight words or phrases contained in the Indiana Academic Standards that may appear on ISTEP+ and to develop an awareness of connections between the standards and assessment.

Key Word or Phrase	Notes
Clarity/Clarify	Some examples: • Most **clearly and correctly** expresses… • The best way to write the sentence to make it **clear and concise**...
Combine	An example: • What is the best way to **combine** the following sentences?
Compare and Contrast	Some examples: • How does one view of the story **differ from** the other...? • What is the main **difference between** the article and the passage?
Describe	Some examples: • Which of these sentences **describes** the theme of the story? • Which word best **describes** the actions of the character?
Explain	An example: • Which sentence best **explains** the author's purpose?
Express	Some examples: • Which statement best **expresses** the main idea? • Choose the sentence that is most clearly **expressed**.
Revise	An example: • Which of the following is the best way to **revise**...?
Sequence	An example: • Which sentence best completes the **sequence** of events?
Summarize	An example: • Which statement best **summarizes** the paragraph?
Supporting Details/Use of Evidence	An example: • **Support** your response **with details** from the passage.